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EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS REX REED'S
"THE MAN THAT GOT AWAY: IRA WITHOUT GEORGE"
FOR ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY ON FRI., NOV. 12, 2010 AT 8 PM

RICHARDSON, TX – This Big Apple hit, created and narrated by renowned critic **Rex Reed**, features exuberant storytelling and a great pop-jazz quintet of stars: **Tom Wopat, Kurt Reichenbach, Linda Purl, Sally Mayes**, and special guest **Marilyn Maye**. The evening follows the life of lyricist Ira Gershwin, George's older brother — from childhood through his first song-writing projects, the tragic death of George, and the following decades of phenomenal lyric output. The program includes selections from Ira Gershwin collaborations with songwriters Harold Arlen (*A Star is Born*); Kurt Weill (*Lady Be Good*); and Jerome Kern (*Cover Girl*). *The Man That Got Away: Ira Without George* will light up the **Eisemann Center Presents Spotlight Series** in the Hill Performance Hall on Fri., Nov. 12, 2010 at 8 pm.

Joining **Rex Reed** for the celebration are **Linda Purl** (*Happy Days, Matlock, The Office*); **Kurt Reichenbach** (*L.A. Law, Minimum Wage, LaBrea Tar pits*); **Tom Wopat** (*Dukes of Hazzard, Cybill, A Catered Affair*); **Sally Mayes** of Houston (*Bye Bye Birdie, Law and Order, Criminal Intent, Sex in the City*) and special guest star, the sensational **Marilyn Maye** (*Can Can, Follies, Hello Dolly and Mame*).

This all-star cast performs 27 numbers including classic standards *I Can't Get Started, Spring Again, My Ship, Long Ago and Far Away*, and *The Man That Got Away*, mixed with lesser-known but equally impressive songs like *Let's Take A Walk Around the Block, I Knew Him When, A Rhyme for Angela, Goodbye to All That*, and *Fun to be Fooled*. This fabulous show was originally produced in 2009 at The 92nd Street Y in New York City.

Tickets for the Fri., Nov. 12th performance range from \$39-\$72 and are available online at **www.eisemanncenter.com** or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Ticket Office hours are 10 am until 6 pm Monday through Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts are available for 10 or more by calling 972-744-4657.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located in the Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is easily accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Sponsors for the 2010-2011 Season include *The Dallas Morning News*, WFAA-TV, ViewPoint Bank, Friends of the Richardson Library, Five for Five sponsor Opportunity Bank, the Richardson Woman's Club and ticket sponsor PegasusNews.com.

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